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REISSUE APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is the application for reissue of U.S.

☒ Utility Patent      ☐ Plant Patent      ☐ Design Patent

No.: 5,548,276 issued on August 20, 1996, which is in effect a continuation of 09/137,960, now RE37,493.

Inventor(s): Alan E. THOMAS

Title: LOCALIZED AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS

Enclosed are the following:

Specification, claim(s) and drawing(s) (37 C.F.R. § 1.173)

- (a) ☒ 3 pages of specification and claims  
☒ 1 page(s) of abstract

- (b) ☒ 3 sheets of Formal drawing

☐ pages of Reissue Application Declaration by Inventors

☒ 3 pages of Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action, Consent of Assignee, and Attorney by Assignee (from parent, US Application No. 09/137,960)

☒ Preliminary Amendment (2 pages)

**Offer to surrender the original letters patent in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.178**

- ☒ Original Patent previously surrendered in parent application, US Application No. 09/137,960.
- ☒ along with assent of assignee.
- ☐ Offer to surrender is by the assignee of the entire interest (and the reissue application does not seek to enlarge the claims of the original patent).

**Letters patent**

- ☐ Original letters patent are attached.
- ☐ Declaration that original letters patent lost or inaccessible is attached.
- ☒ A copy of the original printed patent is attached.

**Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. AET1P001R2).

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- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. AET1P001R2).

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